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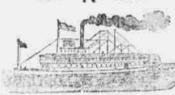
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too much and do not exercise enough is he conclusion of the Board of Health in its attempt to account for the great increase in the number of deaths from heart disease in the metropolis in recent years. While Father Knickerbocker is represented as a stald old gentleman, als children as indicated by figures are literally racing toward the grave. Covring a period of more than 40 years hese figures indicate in a staggering and unexpected manner the rate of inrease of deaths from pervous strain of the racking, rushing life of the world's busiest city. Nearly 6000 persons have found the stain of the modern mode of living and working in New York too great and succumbed to heart disease during 1907 showing an increase of 1500 it remains to be seen whether an absoover the year of 1906. That this surprising total and appalling increase is due to the killing rush of the city is the verdict of practically all the health tion is indicated by the figures which show that while deaths from many other diseases known as mortal against which preventive measures can be taken have shown a steady decrease, deaths from organic heart disease, the result of worry and overwork, have shown a steady and unprecedented increase. "Rushed to death" would seem to be rapidly becoming an appropriate New York epitaph.

is interpreted as a further sign of re-

Every once in a while New Yorkers, alarmed at the ever-increasing cost of living, rise up in rebellion against one or another monopoly in foodstuffs. Now it is the beef trust that is the object of an attack in which the independent butchers of the city are leading the way. Several years ago these independent dealers organized themselves into an association known as the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company. Now they have awakened to the fact that apparently the big packers of the trust have secured control of this concern and that, if this control is not broken, the trust will have absolute control of the meat situation in New York. To find out whether this is the case they have begun a suit through the minority stockholders to compel the president of the

YORK IFTER company, Frederick Joseph, to reveal the present holder of the majority of the stock of the company which he acquired in 1907, a thing which he has so far steadily refused to do. All sorts of startling allegations are made con-Gladden ecruing the methods of the trust in eliminating competition and absorbing would be independents even against the will of the latter. It is alleged for example that Mr. Joseph acquired the majority of the stock of the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company merely as an agent of the trust for the purpose of turning it over, and that he previously left at least one other independent company elsewhere because it was thought that he was acting in the capacity of a trust agent. The minority stockholders who are bringing the action because of their desire to know just what Mr. Joseph has done with his stock further point out that this NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The anxiety stock which at the time of his coming

> The subway is no longer to be a familiar to insure a peaceful rest, giving them is return a cigar or a dime. At the height of this practice it was commodating more sleepers than even than the end of the line without the payment of another fare, and would be sleepers will hereafter be rudely thrust forth into the night. The subway will furnish transportation but not sleeping

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